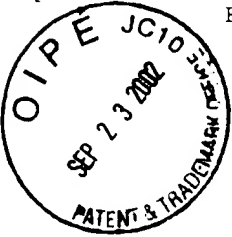


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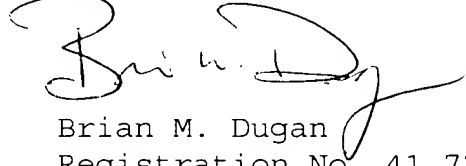
In response to the September 11, 2002 communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Applicant is resubmitting the Amendment faxed to the USPTO on June 14, 2002.

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Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone Applicant's attorney to discuss the amendment should any issues remain.

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